

# NEW-YORK TRIBUNE.

## Meeting of the Farmers' Club.

*Multiplying Trees—Growth of Plants.—The Fruit Growers' Convention—Improvement in Gas—Manufactures—Hay, Potatoes and Turnips.*

TUESDAY, AUG. 1.

The first regular meeting for the month; R. L. ALLEN, Esq. of this City, in the Chair.

*Classical Modes of Multiplying Trees.—Horticulture is more advanced in China than in any other country. To multiply trees, the natives adopt a plan between grafting and layering. They select a suitable branch of the tree, and make a circular incision through about two-thirds of the thickness of the branch. Then put cow manure in and over the incision, then put on it a straw-rope five or six times larger than the branch. All that is necessary after this, is to keep this bandage moist, so that it can never be quite dry. Two months after this, the roots will be found growing at the incision. Then the branch may be cut off from the tree with the bandage still on, and planted immediately. The branch will give the fruit in three or four years, plentifully.*

*Growth of the same Plants for successive Years upon the same Ground.—A communication on this subject was received from Mr. John D. Ward, detailing his course with several lots situated in Jersey City. Mr. Ward urged the importance of a rotation of crops in order to obtain the largest return, in agricultural operations, from the employment of a given field of land and capital. In 1845, in the spring of 1845, he sowed in and reclaimed several lots in Jersey City, the earth for which was principally taken from this City. In 1846, some parts of the premises, not much used, were covered by a very fine crop of turnips. The plants produced in abundance, which was of course scattered upon the ground. In the succeeding year, 1847, the crop of Stramonium was almost literally nothing, certainly not a fifth part as great. This was followed in 1848, by a crop of turnips, apparently the same. The plants were few and small, scarcely any reaching the height of 18 inches on the same spot where the year before they rose to the height of 5 feet or upward, and completely covered the ground. This year (1849) the crop was larger than it was last year, but not so numerous as to indicate that, if indeed to an eighth, the weight of the first crop.*

This may be considered an indication that the soil is gradually becoming exhausted by the extraction produced by the successive growth of a crop of turnips. By another circumstance, the effect of taking successive crops from the same ground is very apparent, not one of the second crop reached the size of the single parent plant, and of those which did, there was a marked difference from the spot where the first and second growth is that the plants now growing upon ground where none grew before—were much larger and healthier than those which continued the crop upon the same spot. In this case, the extraction of the soil appears to have been completed by a single crop, in this, it appears to be producing gradually but steadily.

*The National Convention of Fruit Growers.—The Central Convention of Fruit Growers and Packer's Club, in this City, was opened at Hotel Broadway, on the 1st of October, next, during the Fair of the Institute. A Circular was read at this meeting, giving an idea of what is to be done. We gather from the Circular that the object is to adopt uniform practices of packing and manufacture; also, to compare fruits from various sources and localities, with a view of arriving at correct conclusions as to their merits, and to settle doubtful points respecting them; to elicit and disseminate polumonous information concerning the cost of production of fruits among manufacturers.*

*Imports of Gas Manufactures.—Messrs. Walworth, Nason & Gould sent a communication on an improvement in an apparatus for generating Gas for illuminating purposes, the object of which is to economize the expense and move us so as to prevent all damage from fire, and obviate odor—the latter hitherto annoying to all residing in the vicinity of gas-works. The inventors, with a view to prove the affair, offer to put up their Gas apparatus at Castle Garden, New York, at their own expense, and to remove it at the close of the Exhibition. The distributing-pipes and burners being already in, they offer to furnish every thing requisite for lighting the whole place in the most brilliant manner, and to furnish an abundant supply of gas of the illuminating power that now in use, and help fit up a liberal affair, and apparently a good improvement.*

Communications were received from Cincinnati regarding another Railroad improvement, and Prof. MAPES, detailed at great expense experiments in Mining, &c., with whom we have had some uninteresting and stony portions of soil near Newark, N. J., and caused them to produce abundantly all variety of vegetables.

Some communication frequently ensued on the merits of Gas, of which nothing definite or of moment was elicited, and on the Culture of Potatoes, Rutabagas, and other Turnips, and the Hay crop. Rutabagas will bear fruit, in England, provided they are not removed from the root, when it would be better to eat all at once, and fresh to touch them. All Hall thought 100 pounds of Rutabaga better and more profitable for stock than a like amount of Potatoes.

After a meeting of three hours, the Club adjourned till a fortnight hence. Subject: *The Preexisting Disease among Cows.*

## CITY ITEMS.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 1845.

**FIRE.**—Last night about 11 o'clock, the roof of house No. 112 Division St. was discovered to be in flames, and was partially destroyed before efficient measures could be taken to extinguish it. The fire is supposed to have originated in a defect in one of the flues of the chimney.

**BODY FOUND.**—The body of young Merriman, a lad of promising talents, who was drowned in the Hudson river on Saturday last, was recovered last night and brought home to his parents in a leather coffin.

**INQUIRY.**—The Coroner held an inquest to-day on the body of Mrs. Julia Ann Clark, wife of Francis Clark, 1254 Fulton-st., who fell down in a fit in Grand-st. this morning and died. A verdict was found that the deceased came to her death by the bursting of a blood-vessel.

**POLICE.**—An affray took place yesterday afternoon in No. 61 Belmont-st., between two females named Ann and Mary. Sarah Brown was when the former struck the latter a blow on the head with a brown handle and cut her severely. The accused was taken into custody shortly after and locked up to answer the charge.

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Also a fall occurred in a building on Canal-st., between Franklin and Bowery, when a woman fell and was severely injured.

**SOUTHERN AND WESTERN MERCHANTS.**—Merchants from the West and South are invited to examine the large stock of Patent Blanks, and other articles, of our own manufacture, expressly for the Fall trade. Our prices are exceedingly low, and such buyers will find in their interest to purchase from us.

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A NEW AND GREAT DISCOVERY FOR persons residing in the vicinity of Prospect Hill have lately been seized with violent attacks of fever and ague, arising from the miasmatic vapors of the adjacent ponds and marshes. It is also very prevalent in the neighborhood of Green-Wood Cemetery.

**SUFFRIDGE.**—The back Alice, Capt. Frazer, from Apponaugus, was discovered yesterday off Rockaway, in a wrecked condition, with signals for assistance flying. She had been on shore between Hog Island and New-Jersey for a week, and had been drifting and cast off at two o'clock yesterday morning, and drifted only at high water. She had lost her sails and rudder, and was full of water, drawing twenty feet.

Capt. Engle, who was in charge of her, said that he had not been able to get her off the rocks Sunday noon, and himself and crew had had neither food nor water for thirty-six hours, his boat having been swamped in attempting to go ashore.

The News Boy drew a Alison off shore and took her to sea, and the wind-swept she was gotten into the Bay. Having no rudder, she steered badly, and touched on the Middle Shoal, where she was left. She will be off the next flood tide.

**DISTRESS AT SKY.**—During the south-west blow of the 23d ult. the steamer Adams from Boston via Eastport, to St. John's, N. B., shipped a heavy sea at Point Lepreau, which stove in the office of the clerk and washed overboard all the goods and papers, with some of the ship's bedding. The clerk was not hurt, but his body was partially devoured by vermin! The negro fled. The inhabitants of the County are in pursuit of the villain, for whose capture the sum of \$500 has been offered. Those who were immediately apprehended, was a gentleman of great wealth, and the only son of a widow mother, who is nearly frantic with grief!

**BRUTAL MURDER.**—The Fredericksburg Recorder says: Mr. James Abbott, of Gloucester, Va., was mortally wounded by a bullet shot in the head, a few days since. Mr. C. had purchased this negro for his service. After this he went into the field, where the man was at work and was not seen again. A few days having elapsed, some was made for him, and he was found to be dead. The negro was found to be dead with an axe, and his body partially devoured by vermin! The negro fled. The inhabitants of the County are in pursuit of the villain, for whose capture the sum of \$500 has been offered. Those who were immediately apprehended, was a gentleman of great wealth, and the only son of a widow mother, who is nearly frantic with grief!

**RAILROAD ACCIDENT.**—Tuesday morning as the train of cars on the Camden and Amboy Railroad were coming to this city, when New-York's turn out about 15 miles from Amboy, they came to a standstill, and got off at two o'clock yesterday morning, and cleared only at high water. He and the fireman then leaped from the car, and the next moment the engine exploded. The accident took place in a row that was set on fire. Michael Stapleton, John Ryan, Patrick Murphy and Daniel Winters were arrested on suspicion of being the perpetrators of the crime. P.S. We learn that Kyle had the following day, Monday.

**ENGLISH CHALLENGE.**—An English gentleman has challenged the Great Reading Railroad Company to run a race of half a mile between one of its engines and his horse, for a stake of 1,000 guineas. The proposal is to be decided on the Reading Race-course, which is parallel with the railroad. (Reading Race-Course.)

**ANOTHER RIOT IN SOUTH TROY.**—Attempted Murder.—On Saturday night, Roger Ryan, an Irishman, was wounded by a blow on the head at the grocery and grog shop kept by Daniel Winters, in South Troy. The scuffle will break out, and it is believed that it came from a quarrel.

WICKS.—A large assortment of Solar, Astral and Campani lamps, made by W. S. SOUTHWICK.

**SHAVING BOXES.**—Britannia metal letter boxes manufactured and for sale at 6 Burlington-st., by JAMES HART & CO. 100 Broad-st. & Hart.

**HANGINGS.**—Paper, 40,000 pts from 20 to 36 inches wide, different qualities for sale at 1 minute price.

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## The Weather and Crops.

**During the month of July we have been favored with frequent showers of rain, which were warm, have given us vegetation in all this region a most favorable appearance. The weather has been generally dry, excepting the present of good Spring crops not very encouraging. But recently the aspect of the fields has changed, and all Spring grains promise an abundant harvest. Every field looks well and the farmers and gardeners in this vicinity have every reason to be gratified for the present.**

**Last night we had further showers, accompanied by high winds. There was a very severe gale between three and four o'clock this morning, the crop of Hay is also pretty fair. Corn, Oats, Potatoes, &c. have been well sown upon the land. (See Crop Adv. 31st.)**

**The Wheat crop in this region is now to be full an equally secured to prairies and prairies to be full an equal quantity and quality. The crop of Hay is also pretty fair. Corn, Oats, Potatoes, &c. have been well sown upon the land. (See Crop Adv. 31st.)**

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